

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
2009 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative
With the American College of Cardiology
Wednesday, March 18, 2009
3:30pm-5pm ET
Conference Call Only

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will co-host a Special Open Door Forum on the 2009 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Program with the American College of Cardiology (ACC).

The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) made the PQRI program permanent, but only authorized incentive payments through 2010. Eligible professionals who meet the criteria for satisfactory submission of quality measures data for services furnished during the reporting period, January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009, will earn an incentive payment of 2.0 percent of their total allowed charges for Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) covered professional services furnished during that same period. The 2009 PQRI consists of 153 quality measures and 7 measures groups.

This Special ODF will be geared towards cardiology-specific topics related to participation in PQRI. Following the presentation, the lines will be opened to allow participants to ask questions of the ACC presenters as well as CMS PQRI subject matter expert, Sylvia Publ.

PQRI information and educational products are available on the PQRI dedicated web page located at, <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI> , on the CMS website.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 Conference ID 89036042

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An audio recording and transcript of this Special Forum will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp and will be accessible for downloading beginning March 26, 2009.

For automatic emails of Open Door Forum schedule updates (E-Mailing list subscriptions) and to view Frequently Asked Questions please visit our website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/opendoorforums/>

Thank you for your interest in CMS Open Door Forums.